

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE September 16, 1987FULL NAME John C. O'Neal SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY Williamstown STATE New Jersey ZIP CODE 08094DATE OF BIRTH 4-9-19 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY U.S.OCCUPATION Retired

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 180 HEIGHT 5'8" RACE WCOLOR OF HAIR White COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN -----
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)NAME OF SPOUSE ----SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
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36 year Scouter Veteran - served in various capacities including Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, Commissioner and District Committee. Last registration was in the year 1985 as Member-At-Large District #1, Southern New Jersey Council, B.S.A.					
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION Scouter Training Award, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, OA, Vigil Bronze Pelican Award- Roman Catholic Church

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(see attached)

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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JOSEPH L. ARGUM

Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council

1045 S. EAST AVE.
VINELAND, N.J. 08360-6438

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October 27, 1987

Mr. C. J. Testone
Scout Executive
Southern New Jersey Council, No. 334

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Jack C. O'Neal

Dear Connie:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY

JOHN CORINO
Prosecutor

WILLIAM B. MATTHEWS
Chief of County Detectives



CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE
NEW JERSEY 08210-3062

September 16, 1987

Mr. C. J. Testone
Scout Executive
Southern New Jersey Council
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]
Vineland, New Jersey 08360-6498

RE: State v. John O'Neal
Docket No. 85000341

Dear Mr. Testone:

This is in response to your inquiry regarding the above matter. Please be advised that Mr. O'Neal was indicted on August 25, 1985 for 11 counts of sexual assault upon children and 11 counts of endangering the welfare of the children. He entered pleas of guilty to 5 counts of sexual assault (second degree crimes) and was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Richard Williams in March 1986 to five years probation, and 150 hours of community service not involving children.

After his conviction he resided with his employer in Dennisville, New Jersey. He thereafter moved to [REDACTED], Williamstown, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Wells
First Assistant Prosecutor

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SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

[REDACTED]
Vineland, New Jersey 08360-6498
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October 8, 1987

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul,

I sorry for the delay in getting this material to you. Trust all is in order.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Cordially,

Conne

C.J. Testone
Scout Executive

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Member Agency: United Ways of Cape May, Gloucester, and Salem Counties
and Greater Cumberland County.

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J. TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1986

Cape May County Edition

ion in Child Sex Assaults

in Del and Treatment Center in Avenel, Middlesex County. All people who either plead guilty to or are convicted of sex crimes are required to undergo physical and mental examinations at Avenel, which is operated by the state Department of Corrections.

The Avenel report claimed that O'Neal is not likely to commit such offenses again and that he

will respond favorably to rehabilitation during probation.

Williams also considered O'Neal's health problems and the fact that he showed remorse when he pleaded guilty.

The judge issued the sentence despite a request from the Prosecutor's Office that O'Neal spend the next five years in prison.

A prison sentence might have served to deter others from com-

mitting similar crimes, Assistant Prosecutor Susan Seiden said. She also said she was not satisfied that O'Neal no longer presents a danger to the community.

Middle Township police began an investigation of O'Neal on March 15, 1985, after a victim's mother reported that her child was spending long periods of time

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Cape Man Gets Probation In Child Sexual Assault

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at his house and was bringing home gifts.

Authorities searched O'Neal's house and found, among other things, about 1,300 color photos of children, magazines in which children are depicted in sexually explicit scenes, stuffed animals and other "gifts" and letters described by one police officer as "those of a courtship between a 66-year-old man and a 10-year-old girl."

O'Neal, who was a Boy Scouts aide, an altar supervisor at St.

Church in the Villas and a member of the state-sponsored Child Placement Review Board, was arrested June 15.

An indictment handed up last August charged O'Neal with sexually assaulting 11 children and girls under age 16 between Jan. 1, 1980, and June 15, 1985. The offenses to which he pleaded guilty occurred in middle townships between January 1980 and June 1985.

O'Neal admitted to molesting the girls "in private" and on the bathroom.

(See SPARTAN from Page 6)

August 31, 1987

Mr. C. J. Testone
Scout Executive
Southern New Jersey Council, No. 334

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Jack C. O'Neal

Dear Connie:

It is most important that we have a Confidential Record Sheet concerning the above-named individual. This case has been going on a long time and in today's legal world we just must complete it so we have a file which can substantiate refusal of registration attempts.

I would like the Confidential Record Sheet completed and also any newspaper clippings or court records which give us the final outcome of legal action.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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July 31, 1987

Mr. C. J. Testone
Scout Executive
Southern New Jersey Council, No. 334

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Jack C. O'Neal

Dear Connie:

Quite some time ago, we had communication concerning the above-named individual. At that time, we received newspaper clippings indicating he had been charged with sexual abuse of youth.

In order to prevent registration in some other location, we must have a Confidential Record Sheet so we may identify Mr. O'Neal. We are enclosing another sheet which we would like to have completed to the best of your ability.

We would also like to know the outcome of the legal action which took place. A conviction and sentencing will certainly strengthen our file and give us all the information which is necessary for refusal of registration.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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Encl.

cc: Northeast Region

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July 7, 1986

Mr. C. J. Testone
Scout Executive
Southern New Jersey Council, No. 334

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Jack C. O'Neal

Dear Connie:

Earlier this year, we wrote to you concerning the above-named individual. Apparently, last summer the individual was arrested for sex-related activities with youth. We assume by now that this case should have come to trial and you should have the outcome of legal action.

Please complete the enclosed Confidential Record Sheet so we may identify Mr. O'Neal and also give us the final outcome of the case. This will be most helpful to us in making certain we can refuse registration attempts should they come to us at a later time.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Encl.

cc: Northeast Region

CONF013940

April 3, 1986

Mr. C. J. Testone
Scout Executive
Southern New Jersey Council, No. 334

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Jack C. O'Neal

Dear Connie:

We had communication from the regional office that indicated the above named individual had been charged with sex related activities with youth. Since this happened last summer we wondered if Mr. O'Neal case had now been completed.

We would like to have the final outcome of any legal action, so that we may complete our file. I am also enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed so we may identify Mr. O'Neal should he try to register in some other location.

Please let me know if I maybe of help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

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Northeast Region
Boy Scouts of America
Dayton, New Jersey 08810

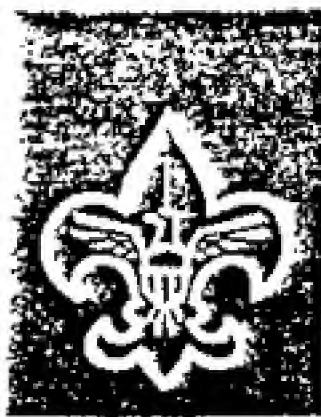
June 21, 1985

TO: CHUCK KAUFFMAN

Please review and
forward a copy to
National if necessary.

*Paul East
6/24/85*

Roland E. Moore



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SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

[REDACTED]
Vineland, New Jersey 08360-6498
[REDACTED]

June 19, 1985

Roland E. Moore
Director of N.J. Area
Northeast Region Office
[REDACTED]
Dayton, New Jersey 08810

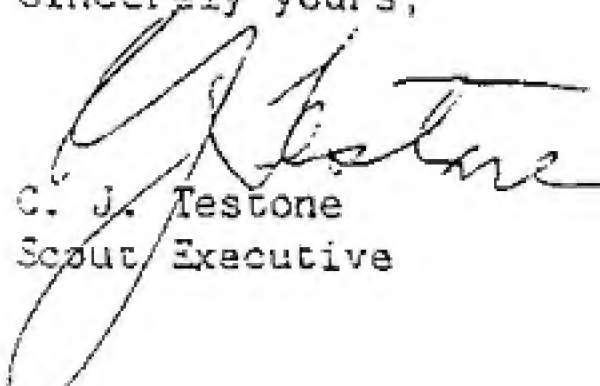
Dear Rollie:

Enclosed are articles in reference to the child molestation case I referred to on Monday. I believe the articles are self-evident. I was informed Monday, June 17, 1985 that Mr. O'Neal was arrested on these charges by Robert G. Wells, who is the current Baysea District Scouting Chairman and also works in the Prosecutor's Office in Cape May County.

We have briefed the District Commissioner, key District Officers, the Council President, Council Commissioners, key Council Officers regarding this situation. Additionally, we have immediately suspended Mr. O'Neal from all Scouting Programs and activities. Incidentally, Jack O'Neal was a registered member of the Baysea District Committee and was serving as District Advancement Chairman.

Please notify the correct department or individual at National Headquarters of the incident. Also please advise if there is a form or additional information required.

Sincerely yours,


C. J. Testone
Scout Executive

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F. STARON

JUN 26 1985



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Cumberland County Edition

Sex Charges Against Scout Aide Detailed

By PHIL LINSALATA
Press Staff Writer

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — Authorities here described the life of a 66-year-old man arrested recently as one of sexual perversion, dating back 30 years and victimizing dozens, perhaps hundreds of boys and girls ages 8 to 17, mostly from the quiet community of Del Haven.

Jack C. O'Neal, of the [redacted] is a pillar of the community, a Boy Scout

leader, church activist and member of a committee overseeing troubled youths. He is also a "sick man" and a "pedophile," said law enforcement officers from the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the Middle Township Police Department.

O'Neal is in the Cape May County jail, charged with seven counts of criminal sexual contact. He has been unable to post bail. Police said he may be charged with as many as 10 additional counts, including possession of

child pornography. Authorities said they are investigating the possibility that O'Neal had sexual contact with two of the youths in the Baysea Boy Scout District, in which he held an administrative position.

In addition to his role with the scouts, O'Neal also was involved with supervision of the altar boys at St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church in Villas and was a member of the Cape May County Juvenile Conference Committee, charged with overseeing the

placement of area youths in foster homes, authorities said.

Police said they believe O'Neal had sexual contact with at least 25 children in the time frame under investigation, but said 1,300 photographs found at his home indicate that he may have had associations with hundreds of children since 1955, when the earliest photos were taken.

Secured in O'Neal's attic were hundreds of photographs of the young boys and girls that formed the foundation of his fantasies,

the authorities said. In his bedroom were albums of photographs portraying children, many in "suggestive" poses, officials allege.

County Investigator Marie Hayes said O'Neal is a textbook case, a classic example of a pedophile, one whose sexual life is primarily based on fantasy but who must have contact with often unsuspecting children on whom to base those fantasies. Authorities said that like most pedophiles, (See CHARGES on Page 3)

JACK C. O'NEAL
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Sex Charges Against Scout Aide Detailed

CHARGES, from Page 1

O'Neal did not harm or sexually penetrate the children. Children who expressed reluctance to pose for pictures were not forced, police said.

The shock of O'Neal's alleged activities is only now beginning to affect the modest neighborhood in which he has lived for nearly 15 years, a closely knit group of families where O'Neal, a bachelor, was known for his kindness to children.

A meeting has been scheduled among parents of victims for later this week, when state social workers will answer questions and attempt to quiet concerns.

Police were alerted to O'Neal's activities as long as a year ago, but were unable to develop the necessary probable cause required to acquire a search warrant, authorities said.

The breakthrough came in March, after the mother of one victim reported that her child was spending long periods of time

exchange of the Shites for the Americans, as demanded by the hijackers — and went ahead with the hijacking.

— In Brockton, Mass., the ordeal has nearly ended for the family of an 18-year-old college student freed Tuesday in Beirut.

Arthur Targonsidis, a 1984 Brockton High School graduate studying at American University in Athens, was freed along with a Greek folk singer and an American woman.

Targonsidis, who was the youngest hostage still being held among the passengers, had been on his way home for a school vacation.

— At Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, the body of Robert D. Stelhem, the young Navy construction diver slain aboard the hijacked jetliner, was flown home, met by his family,

mother, two brothers and a sister — fought to hold back tears as the coffin was placed in a hearse on the tarmac. Stelhem is to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday.

— In Washington, the National Association of Arab Americans, emphasizing its aversion to "all acts of terrorism," denounced the hijacking and the prolonged capture of American passengers.

But association Executive Director David Sadd tempered his criticism by saying Israeli authorities were wrong to transfer Lebanese prisoners to Israel about two months ago.

through the course of the investigation, which began March 15, are:

- 1,300 color photographs of children, taken with both 35 millimeter and 110 format cameras.
- Very few of the photos showed any nudity, although more than one picture showed O'Neal on his bed with a child. Police do not believe that he was assisted by an accomplice in the photography, but was either aided by children or triggered the camera remotely.

- Some 500 pieces of other evidence, including pornographic magazines in which children are depicted in sexually explicit scenes. In addition, pornographic books featuring children were taken from the home.
- Stuffed animals, children's clothing and other items used as "gifts" for the children.

• Letters to children described by one police officer as "those of a courtship between a 66-year-old man and a 10-year-old girl. What color is your favorite? What color

is your room? That sort of thing."

On Saturday police moved in for the arrest.

"His reaction was complete surprise that he'd finally been caught up with," Teasentz said.

Saunders said O'Neal's actions had not caused trauma to the children he associated with because O'Neal told the children "that what they did was good."

"The trauma would come with a trial," he said. "And we have asked the parents, specifically, to tell their children that what they did was not wrong, not their fault, but was someone else's fault. We have also recommended that the parents be alert for mood changes and anything along those lines, to get counseling right away if needed."

Mayor Michael Voll said he regards O'Neal as less a criminal than a "sick man."

"I just hope that the man gets the help that he needs. I hope that people don't look down on him. He just needs help," Voll said.

1980 when Iran held American Embassy officials hostage — a visible again Tuesday in the hometown of Bob Peel Sr., son was among some 40 hostages held by hijackers in Beirut, Lebanon.

Peel, his wife, Esther, daughter-in-law Kristi and son Bob were aboard TWA flight 800, hijacked Friday. All but Bob were later released by the Islamic Movement.

In their hometown of Hingham, a Navy petty officer, son, Kan, relatives tied yellow ribbons around Peel's Fifth Avenue Supply Co., and around other stores and trees.

"It's just kind of a symbol to say a little prayer," said Margaret Bowles, a sister.

Kristi Peel's mother, Rhore, said the family decided not to tell the younger children, aged 6, 4 and 7 months, about the hijacking.

"They seem satisfied with what we told them, that there was something wrong with the plane and they can't bring home yet," Rhore said.

In Lancaster, N.Y., near Boston, homecoming will be difficult for John and Emily Mazur, and their daughter, Melissa, house was ransacked last week.

apparently nothing was stolen.

"They've been through such an ordeal," said a relative who referred to be identified only as nephew. "When it rains it pours about half of the six to 10 hijackers released from Mazur'ski Friday night, her husband and daughter were set free Saturday in Algiers and the family was reunited.

The nephew said he will remain in the home until the family gets with hijacker

On the other hand, we see that piecemeal exploitation of the captivity of innocent hostages is the anguish of those who are victims and the uncivilized behavior is in itself a form of terrorism," he said.

advance of his White House conference Tuesday night, President Reagan spoke briefly by telephone with Patricia, son of Waldorf, Md., whose 10-year-old son, Robert Dean, is a Navy petty officer.

He said Mrs. Stelhem "All Americans were shocked and saddened by the death of a young man. His courage and pride in inspiring example for us have been deeply imprinted by your family's strength and by your family's strength."

He said, "I am keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers."

Beirut, the three freed passengers — two Americans and a Greek folk singer — were released at a news conference in his house in west Beirut.

Singer identified himself as Roussos and his companion, Pamela Smith, his secretary. The third person, Arthur N. Targonsidis, 18, of Boston, Mass., a student in

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